

REMARKS

Claim 1 is amended by incorporating the feature of claim 3 and claim 3 is canceled.

No new matter is presented.

Claims 1 and 6-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Katoh et al. (US 6,669,536).¹

Claims 1, 2² and 6-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yasuda et al (US 4,944,988).

Without conceding the merits of the rejection, claim 1 is amended herein by incorporating the feature of claim 3 as noted above. That is, claim 1 is directed to an ink jet recording sheet wherein the colorant receiving layer comprises a cationic resin including a unit represented by formula (1) and a cationic resin including a unit represented by formula (2). None of the cited references discloses, teaches or suggests this feature of amended claim 1, of a cationic resin including both a unit represented by formula (1) and a cationic resin including a unit represented by formula (2). Therefore the cited references, whether taken alone or in combination, do not render the present invention obvious.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the

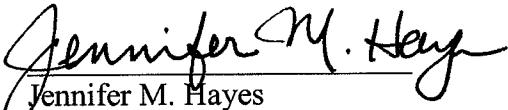
¹ At page 2 of the Action the Examiner incorrectly cites U.S. Patent No. 6,669,536. The correct number is U.S. Patent No. 6,699,536, which is cited on the PTO 892 Form attached to the Action.

² The Examiner refers to claim 2 and claim 2 was canceled in the Amendment filed April 10, 2006.

Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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